

# TIME *for* KIDS

## FLASH • FORWARD

What will life be like in 100 years?  
We asked kids to imagine 2123.







## DEAR READERS,

It's our last issue of the school year, and we're focusing on the future. We recently asked kids to tell (and show) us what the world might be like in 100 years. You can see a few of their clever and creative visions on the pages ahead.

Looking less far into the future: Summer is right around the corner. What are your summer

plans? Keep in touch with us at [tfkeditors@time.com](mailto:tfkeditors@time.com). And visit [timeforkids.com](http://timeforkids.com) to keep up with current events, Press Club, Your 🔥 Job, and more.

Have a great summer!

**Andrea Delbanco**

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# STARSHIP LAUNCHES

BY BRIAN S. McGRATH

On April 20, SpaceX launched its first test flight of Starship, the biggest rocket ever built. The 400-foot-tall, stainless steel ship took off from Starbase, a spaceport in southern Texas. No people were on board for this launch.

"I'm not saying it will get to orbit, but I am guaranteeing excitement," SpaceX founder Elon Musk said of the planned launch, in March.

As it turned out, Starship did *not* get into orbit. The plan was for it to make a 90-minute trip partway around the planet. But about four minutes after liftoff, the rocket exploded. Even so, just getting the rocket off the launchpad was a major success for SpaceX.

For now, the company is focused on getting a Starship rocket ready to take NASA astronauts to the moon by 2025, and eventually, to Mars. It has room for 100 passengers.

SpaceX could make spaceflight a profitable business. Its rockets are designed to be reusable. This will make it less expensive to send everything from people to satellites



### UPWARD BOUND

The Starship rocket lifts off from the SpaceX spaceport in Boca Chica, Texas, on April 20.

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into space.

For at least a few minutes, people who gathered on nearby South Padre Island to watch the launch got their excitement. As Starship took off, they screamed: "Go, baby, go!"

### Stop and Think!

**WHY** is the Starship rocket newsworthy? How might it change the space business? What else would you like to learn about Starship?

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# What's Trending?

A trend is something that's popular for a short period of time. For example, wraparound sunglasses were trendy in the 1980s. A decade later, kids begged their parents for Furbies and Tamagotchis. (Never heard of these toys? Trust us. They were huge.) In recent years, bubble tea has been all the rage. Fashion, toy, and food trends come and go. But one thing's for sure: Trends are fun for journalists to write about.

## Junior Journalists, we want to know:

What's trending? Is there a fashion trend that kids in your school are following? Is there a game or activity that your classmates can't get enough of? Which trends are making a comeback? What do you think will be trending in the future? Tell us! And please, send photos! Ask a teacher, parent, or guardian to send your trend report to us at [timeforkids.com/tfkpressclub](https://timeforkids.com/tfkpressclub) or [tfkpressclub@time.com](mailto:tfkpressclub@time.com).



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## SNAPSHOT

**FULL BLOOM** Wildflowers are in bloom at the Antelope Valley Poppy Reserve on April 14, after years of drought. The reserve is in Lancaster, California. Record-breaking rain has resulted in a "super bloom" of wildflowers across the state.

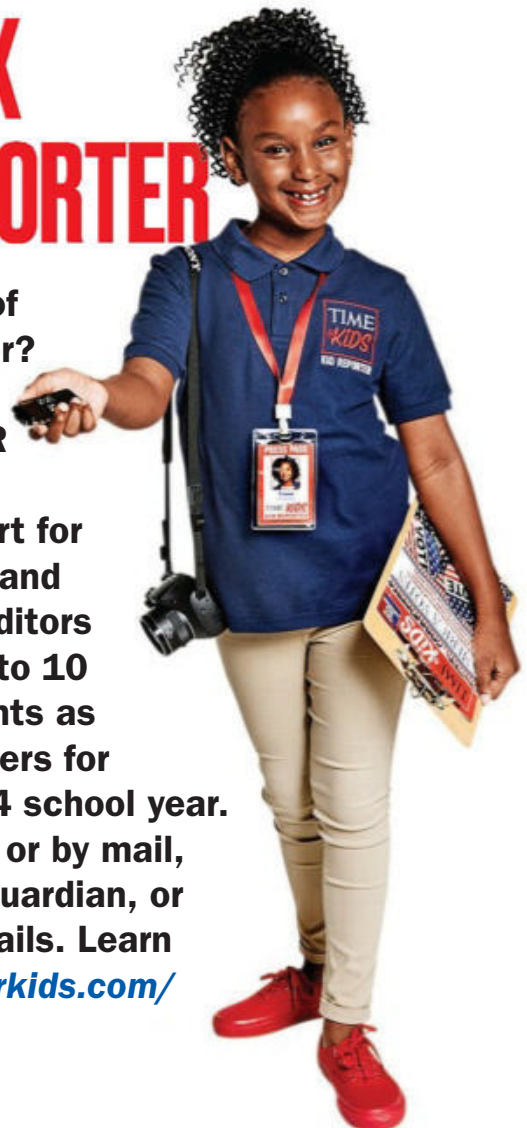


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## BE A TFK KID REPORTER

Do you dream of being a reporter? Enter the **TFK KID REPORTER CONTEST** for a chance to report for our magazines and website. TFK editors will choose up to 10 talented students as TFK Kid Reporters for the 2023–2024 school year. To apply online or by mail, ask a parent, guardian, or teacher for details. Learn more at [timeforkids.com/kid-reporter](https://timeforkids.com/kid-reporter).







# IMAGINE 2123

**TIME** magazine just celebrated its 100th birthday. To mark the milestone, we asked kids to imagine life 100 years in the future.

TIME magazine has been around, well, a long time. Its first issue was published 100 years ago, on March 3, 1923. Life was different back then. The Ford Model T was the most popular car in America. Meanwhile, kids were excited by a little red wagon called the Radio Flyer. Speaking of radio, did you know it was a new technology in 1923? Television didn't even exist.

We've come a long way since then. To celebrate a century of TIME, we asked TIME for Kids readers: What will the world be like 100 years in the future? And we invited you to imagine what might be on TIME's cover in 2123. Our inbox filled up with amazing artwork and writing. Here are a few examples of how kids see the world 100 years from now, as well as the questions, predictions, and hopes they have for the kids of the future. We wish we had room to include everything! Your creativity and curiosity inspire us.

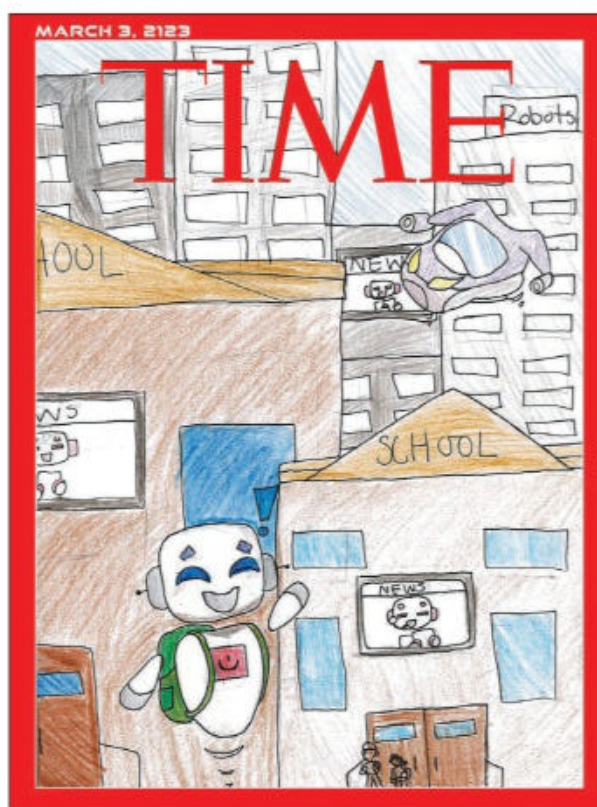
—By Jaime Joyce

## Power Word

**century** *noun*: a period of 100 years



CYBORG, AVA P., 10, CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE



ERANDY F., 13, SWEENEY, TEXAS



BAILEY F., 8, BOYERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Maybe instead of  
will be this machine  
shower you, dress  
and everything else  
for 30 seconds.

In 100 years,  
wars with each other  
—Luci

Dear People of 2123,  
I have way too many  
health better or worse  
planets? (Right now, we  
to Mars.) Have global  
Even though I am most  
probably still curious.  
accepted for who they  
anything—just accepta



Hi, 2123 kids! Do you have healthy candy, robots that will do what you want them to do, or medicine that will make you live longer? If so, that would be awesome!  
—Alexander L., 9, Boston, Massachusetts

getting ready in the morning, there  
ne you could walk through that would  
you, do your hair, brush your teeth,  
se. You would just have to stand there  
—Tulia W., 10, Columbia, Missouri

I hope people will not have  
h other anymore.  
ana M., 8, Columbia, Missouri

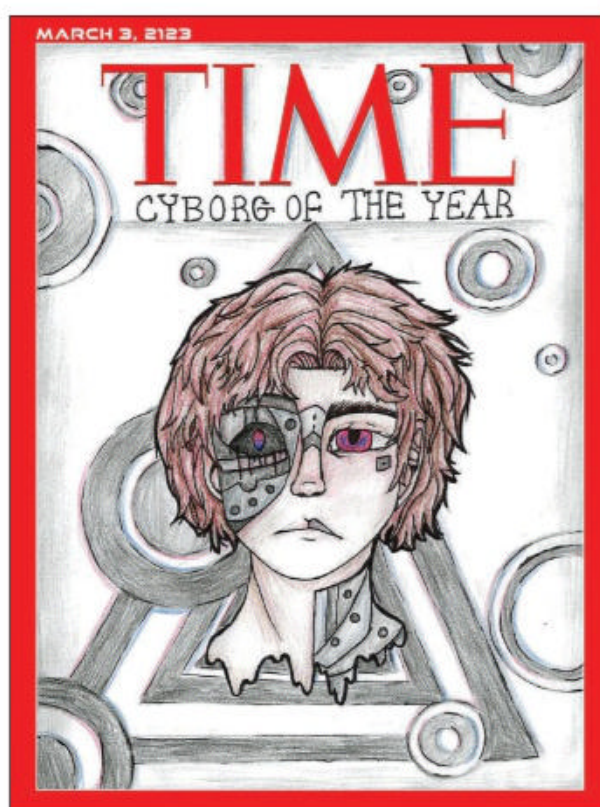
ny questions to ask you guys. Is people's mental  
e than in 2023? Have you traveled to more  
ve have only gone to the moon and sent rovers  
warming and pollution gotten better or worse?  
t likely not here in 100 years, my ghost is  
I also hope that in 2123, everyone is finally  
are. I'm not asking for infinite happiness or  
nce.  
—Erin C., 11, Columbia, Missouri



EVELYN D., 10, CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE



KORAH K., 11, GENESEO, ILLINOIS



ABBY H., 14, SWEENEY, TEXAS

Dear 2123,  
You definitely  
have flying  
cars by now,  
don't try to  
hide it.

—Bosworth S., 11, Sugar Land, Texas



# FROM ATHLETE TO ARTIST

**Micah Johnson used to play professional baseball.  
Then he traded his baseball bat for a paintbrush.**

My name is Micah Johnson. I'm from Indianapolis, Indiana. For 24 years, I played baseball every day. I reached the highest of levels of the sport, playing for major-league teams. Once I got there, I was like, "Okay, I did it." I don't care if it takes 100 years: If it's something that somebody says I can't do, I'm going to try everything I can to do it. And when I do it, I think, "Okay, what's the next thing I'm going to do?"

I started painting in 2016, when I was with the Los Angeles Dodgers. You come home from a game and you're all amped up. You're not just going to bed. So that's when I would paint. And then I would take canvases on the road. I was just so obsessed with painting that I couldn't put it down.

In 2018, my time was done in Major League Baseball. I'd fallen in love with art and creativity. I tapped into that. So I figured it was time to give that a shot. I started painting young Black kids as astronauts after I heard a young Black kid ask if astronauts could be Black. Painting these pictures was incredibly **fulfilling**. I knew this was something special.

## REACH FOR THE STARS

I wanted to reach a broader audience with my message. So I created this 3D character named Aku. He's a Black character who's very brave and very confident. He wears an oversize vintage space helmet. The helmet allows him to travel

through these digital realms. Last year, Aku was on the cover of *TIME*. Later, I made him into an NFT.

NFTs are unique, digital artworks that are bought and sold online. With NFTs, there are no **gatekeepers**. I can upload something and people can buy it and have ownership of it. Let's say you own an Aku. You can sell it, you can trade it, you can take it across platforms in the future.

I traded my baseball bat for a paintbrush and found my passion. Kids can find a path that's meaningful to them by showing up every day, exploring, and then just going

deeper into the things they care about.

In 2021, an NFT of Aku orbited Earth on board the International Space Station. That's something you can't even dream of! If you just keep working toward something that you're passionate about, opportunities are going to present themselves that you can't even imagine.

—By Micah Johnson,  
as told to *TIME* for Kids

### Power Words

**fulfilling** *adjective*: providing happiness or satisfaction

**gatekeeper** *noun*: a person who controls access to something



— FIND YOUR FUTURE —

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**PHOTOGRAPHER**

**WRITER**

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**ARTIST'S WAY** Artist Micah Johnson poses with a statue of Aku in New York City.

COURTESY MICAH JOHNSON





TIME OFF

# SPRING MOVIE PREVIEW

Get ready for fun at the movies! This spring, an old favorite is returning to the big screen with an exciting young actor in the starring role. And a new animated feature will introduce moviegoers to the citizens of a magical city. Here are two TFK tips about must-see films coming soon. —By *Cristina Fernandez*



## OPPOSITES ATTRACT

Step into a magical city in **ELEMENTAL**, the latest film from Disney and Pixar. Its citizens are grouped according to the four elements: fire, water, earth, and air. The story follows a fire elemental, Ember Lumen, and a water elemental, Wade Ripple, who meet and fall in love although they can't even hug.

Ember and Wade face challenges such as personality differences and judgment from their families. But together, they learn that they have more in common than they expected.

This colorful animated adventure begins on June 16.

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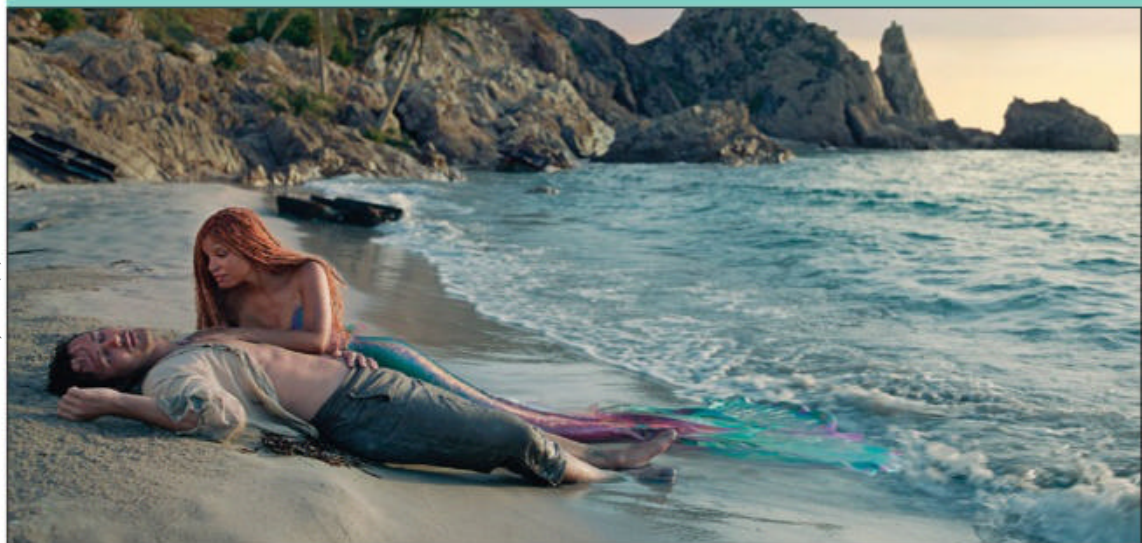


## BEYOND THE SEA

Dive back into the sea on May 26 with this live-action remake of a classic Disney film. **THE LITTLE MERMAID** stars Halle Bailey as Ariel, a mermaid fascinated by the human world.

After rescuing Prince Eric from a shipwreck, Ariel is determined to explore life on land. Against her father's wishes, she makes a deal with a sea witch named Ursula, trading her voice for a pair of legs.

Audiences will love rediscovering this beloved tale. It features music by *Aladdin* composer Alan Menken and *Encanto* composer Lin-Manuel Miranda.



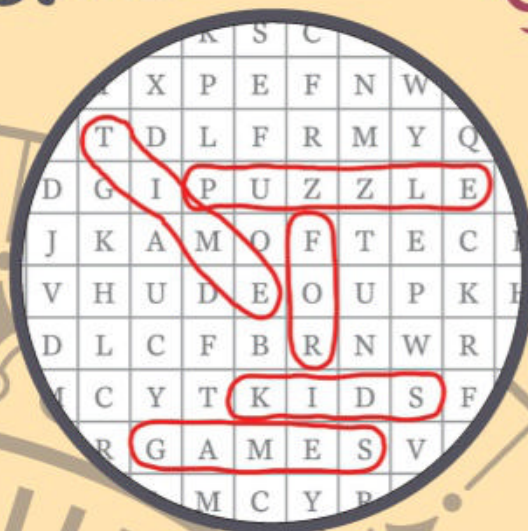
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# GAMES

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# PUZZLES





# True or False?

How much do you know about cats?  
To find out, decide if each answer is true or false.

1.

Every U.S. president has had a cat as a White House pet.

**TRUE or FALSE**

2.

Early Egyptians worshipped a cat goddess.

**TRUE or FALSE**

3.

Cats are in the same animal family as lions.

**TRUE or FALSE**

4.

In the United States, there are more pet dogs than pet cats.

**TRUE or FALSE**

5.

Every cat's nose makes a unique print, much like a human fingerprint does.

**TRUE or FALSE**

6.

A cat has more bones in its body than a human does.

**TRUE or FALSE**

7.

Cats spend more than half of their lives sleeping.

**TRUE or FALSE**

8.

A Pomeranian is a type of cat breed.

**TRUE or FALSE**

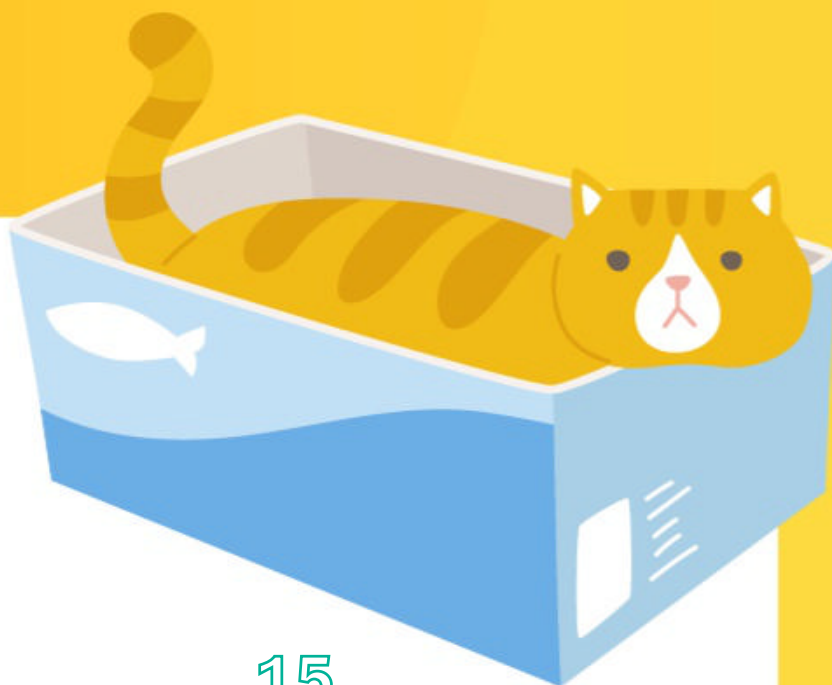
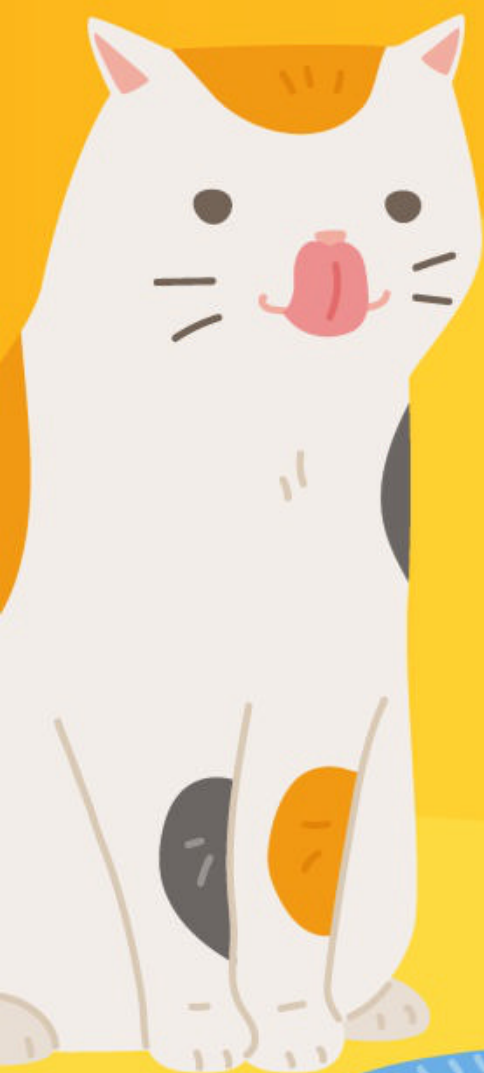
9.

A sphynx cat has little or no fur.

**TRUE or FALSE**







10.

Tabby is the most common cat-coat pattern.

**TRUE or FALSE**

11.

Cats are color-blind.

**TRUE or FALSE**

12.

A group of cats is called a clowder.

**TRUE or FALSE**

13.

In 1988, a cat named Blackie inherited more than \$10 million.

**TRUE or FALSE**

14.

The Guinness World Record for Longest Jump by a Cat (horizontal) is seven feet.

**TRUE or FALSE**

15.

Nala\_cat has more than 12 million Instagram followers.

**TRUE or FALSE**

16.

In 1963, a French cat named Félicette survived a launch into space.

**TRUE or FALSE**

17.

You should not feed grapes or raisins to a cat.

**TRUE or FALSE**

18.

Creme Puff, the oldest cat on record, lived to be more than 40 years old.

**TRUE or FALSE**

Give yourself **10 POINTS** for each correct answer to see if you are a cat scholar!

**0-60**

Good try, but you might be a dog person.

**70-120**

Purr-fectly okay. You know some feline facts.

**130-180**

Cat-tastic! You really know your kitty stuff.



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# ANSWER KEY

## TRUE OR FALSE?

- 1.** false (but the Kennedy family did)
- 2.** true
- 3.** true
- 4.** true
- 5.** true
- 6.** true
- 7.** true
- 8.** false (it's a dog breed)
- 9.** true
- 10.** true
- 11.** false
- 12.** true
- 13.** true (Blackie inherited \$12½ million!)
- 14.** true
- 15.** false
- 16.** true
- 17.** true
- 18.** false (Creme Puff lived to be 38 years and three days old.)